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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PPLICATION OF:

Reyes, et al.

**APPLICATION No.: 09/851,410** 

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FOR: ENTERICALLY TRANSMITTED NON-A/NON-

**B HEPATITIS VIRAL AGENT AND** 

**CHARACTERISTIC EPITOPES THEREOF** 

EXAMINER: Mosher, Mary

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## **Amendment in Response to Office Action**

Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the outstanding final Office Action dated October 15, 2004 ("Office Action") in the captioned matter, and pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks. Applicants believe that entry of the Amendment will put the application in condition for immediate allowance or in better condition for appeal.

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